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TO: File

FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer 

RE: Site Inspection, Sillman Fee, DOE/O15/O17

On July 14, 1987, Frank Filas and Frank Jensen visited this active placer operation. The site can be reached by taking the Airport Road south out of Green River. Two miles after passing under I-70, take the left fork in the road. Follow this road for approximately one mile before turning off to the east. The mine is approximately four miles ahead along the Green River.

We met Rodney Sillman (son of the land owner) and J.A. Erekson onsite. They had recently started up the operation and surface disturbance was approximately two acres. Their current plans are for a less than five-acre mine operation. We requested that they submit a Notice of Intent for a Small Mine Operation (within two-weeks time).

Gold is being extracted from the gravel by a combination of electrolysis and mercury treatment. Mr. Sillman was also advised to obtain the necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Health for the mercury treatment process.

The washed gravel will be sold for local road work rather than being returned to the working pit. The land surface in this area consists of a gravelly clay, and the operator does not intend to salvage any of this material for reclamation. There is soil material beneath the gravel, however, that may be better suited for this purpose.

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